



INDIANA CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE INDIANA CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

The Indiana Connectivity Program aims to connect residents and businesses that lack access to broadband internet service with service providers and assist in the expense of extending broadband to those locations.

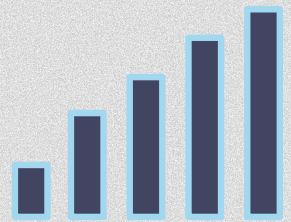
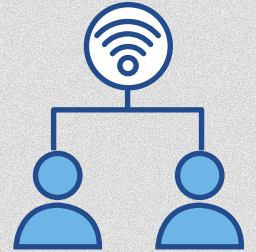
HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Residential and business locations that are unserved or underserved (access to actual speeds less than 25Mbps download and 3Mbps upload) can apply for consideration by entering their information into the Next Level Connections portal to initiate their interest in receiving broadband internet service.

Internet Service Providers will have the opportunity to review these locations and submit bids to the state on the cost of providing service to these locations. OCRA will evaluate these bids and make awards to the providers whose bid presents the lowest cost to the state for extension of the service.

*Inputting location information into the Next Level Connections portal does not guarantee extension of service.

*If a resident or business cannot access the online portal, the Indiana Broadband Connect Center can assist in this process. Please call 833-639-8522.





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WHO CAN APPLY

Locations that currently lack broadband service or have actual broadband speeds of less than 25/3Mbps.

FUNDING

The portfolio of Next Level Connections Broadband Programs has been allocated \$270 million in total. This would include the Indiana Connectivity Program.

Limits per line extension are set by Indiana Code. These limits are:

- *A per line extension amount that cannot exceed \$25,000.
- *A per passing amount that cannot exceed \$4,800.

TIMELINE

The Indiana Connectivity Program and Next Level Connections online portal will open on Sept. 27, 2021.

The bidding and challenge processes must take place before awards can be made. Once made, projects must be completed within 9 months of the contract date.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information or questions on the Indiana Connectivity Program, please visit [in.gov/ocra/broadband/](https://www.in.gov/ocra/broadband/) or call 833-639-8522.

